GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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CESS ON SUGAR PRODUCTION .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether `cess` is collected on sugar produced in the sugar factories and on the sugar exported;

(b) if so, the cess collected during each of last three years; and

(c) the manner in which cess amount utilized by the Government during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : A cess is levied and collected on all sugar produced by any sugar factory in India. The cess collected during the last 3 financial years is indicated below :

Rs. in lakhs

1997-98	20805.82
1998-99	18801.76
1999-2000	18886.60

(c) The cess collected and credited to the Fund in the above period has been utilized for providing loans to sugar factories for modernization/rehabilitation and development of sugarcane, providing grants for research projects aimed at development of sugar industry, payment of subsidy to sugar factories for maintenance of buffer stocks, expenditure on NISST,Mau and administration of SDF according to the Budget outlay for each year, as per the provisions of section 4 of the Sugar Development Fund Act, 1982.